

LAST EDITION FRIENDS' WORK.

Wreckers Ditch a Central-Hudson Passenger Train.

Six Sleeping Cars Derailed, Three Turned Upside Down.

Terrible Loss of Life Averted as Though by a Miracle.

The Company Offers \$5,000 Reward for the Wreckers' Capture.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) ALBANY, Sept. 5.—Train wreckers got in their work on the Central-Hudson Railway shortly before midnight last night, hurrying from the track north-bound passenger train due here at 11:30 p. m. The point chosen by the wreckers for accomplishing their purpose was on a high embankment, four miles below Greenbush, a village opposite this city. A train of eight sleepers was thrown from the track while running at full speed by colliding with a pile of iron fish-plates which the miscreant wreckers had placed on the track. It was a dastardly piece of work, but by what seems almost a miracle loss of life was averted. The first news of the affair was brought to the city by Conductor McAuley, of the wrecked train, and one of the passengers, who had walked all the way to town, not waiting to learn the full extent of the disaster. The wrecked train was the second section of Hudson River train No. 13, composed entirely of sleeping coaches, and drawn by locomotive No. 843. Further particulars obtained soon after the news reached here were to the effect that soon after the first section had passed the point several ties and rails had been dumped upon the track, together with fish-plates, fastening the mass together and completely obstructing the track. The engineer failed to see the obstruction until it was too late to stop the train, and the engine crashed into the pile and leaped party over it, while three of the heavy coaches broke loose and toppled down the bank and the others left the track. As soon as Supt. Bissell was notified he despatched the wrecking train to the scene. The wrecked second section was 25 minutes behind the first section. It was in charge of Conductor Joseph McAuley, with Charles White, of Albany, engineer, and Wm. Grinton fireman. According to the story of those in charge of the train, it was making about twenty-five miles an hour when the crash came. Five of the eight sleeping coaches left the track and were turned sideways and bottom side up in the ravine on the east side of the track. The bumping and jarring awakened those sleeping, and when those in the bunks were turned upside down all thought that their last hour had come. As soon as the trainmen could collect themselves, they burst through the windows and in the dark, every lamp in the train having been extinguished, commenced the work of relieving the passengers. Conductor McAuley, Trainman Sanpaugh, a colored porter and a young lady passenger were the sole occupants of the first car. The young lady, whose name could not be learned, was the most seriously hurt, having her back wrenched and suffering a terrible shock. Miss Atkinson, of Tremont, who was among the passengers in the second sleeper, was badly bruised. Miss Gaskan, of Brooklyn, had a severe cut on the left side of her head. These were all the seriously injured, but half a dozen others sustained bruises more or less severe. There were about sixty passengers on the train, half of whom were women. A relief train left Albany at 2:30 a. m. for the scene of the disaster, having on board several officers of the road and Chief of Police Willard. The sight presented at the wreck was one to give an idea of the narrowness of the passenger's escape. Three great Wagner cars, twisted and torn, were lying bottom side up in the ditch, while three others, partly wrecked, covered both up and down tracks. The injured and passengers were brought to this city at 4:15 a. m. on the wrecking train. No trains passed over the road from 11 p. m. until 5 a. m. The loss to the Company will reach into the thousands. The agents of the road say they will leave nothing undone to bring to justice, the friends who placed the obstruction on the track. There was a crowd of men and women at the Grand Central Depot in Forty-second street early this morning, all excited and anxious to hear if friends and relatives had been among the five passengers who were at first reported killed in the accident near Albany. Welcome, indeed, was information that no one was killed, and that all the passengers were three, who were painfully but not critically injured, had escaped without hurt or only bruises. "Thank God!" ejaculated one almost frantic woman as she heard the tidings. She had feared for her husband, who was on the train. The railroad officials were more than busy repairing receiving advice and issuing orders concerning the accident. Field Vice-President Webb was excited

WRECKED BY YOUNG SAWYER.

His "Plunging" Failed the Big Firm, Sawyer, Wallace & Co.

Losses Probably \$2,000,000—Exchange Contracts All Protected.

The crash of the big commission house of Sawyer, Wallace & Co., which came upon Wall street yesterday with such startling suddenness, was the absorbing topic of interest in downtown business and financial circles this morning. The house was one of the oldest in the trade, having been founded by its present managers, Samuel A. Sawyer and Daniel S. Wallace, in 1838, and has always been regarded as one of the most reliable and financially sound concerns in the city. The fact that it did the largest general commission business of any house in the country had given the business public the utmost confidence in its strength, and the suddenness of the failure has caused a shock from which the trade will not soon recover. That the failure was due entirely to the unauthorized speculations of Lucius Willard Sawyer, the son of the senior partner, who for the past five years has been manager of the London branch of the firm, there is no doubt. He has been "plunging" heavily for two years past, in wheat and provisions, making such heavy drafts upon the firm, that at last its enormous resources are entirely exhausted, and recent investigations have shown that its liabilities unprotected by assets, are between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000. This morning everything was in confusion at the office of the firm, and it was impossible to obtain any definite statement of the situation of affairs. Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Wallace, together with Mr. Miller, the junior member of the firm, were in consultation with Marshall Ayres, the assignee, and Lawyer Michael Cardozo, the firm's counsel, trying to straighten out the tangle in which the affairs of the house are involved. It may be said, however, that all our contracts in the exchange, both here and in Chicago, are being closed out, and that the principal losses will be the banks who have loaned money to the firm. It is not believed that any one of them will be seriously affected. So far as we can ascertain the amount of the firm's paper which is out here will be about \$1,000,000, and it is not believed that any one of them will be seriously affected. The three principals were arrested in court this morning, and will be held for \$10,000 each. It is believed that the firm's affairs are in a state of confusion, and that the principal losses will be the banks who have loaned money to the firm. It is not believed that any one of them will be seriously affected. So far as we can ascertain the amount of the firm's paper which is out here will be about \$1,000,000, and it is not believed that any one of them will be seriously affected.

KNOCKED OUT BILLY TRACEY.

Policeman Sahulka Took In Both Builder Kraft and the Sport.

Tracey and Kraft Let Off with a Five-Dollar Fine This Morning.

Billy Tracey, who shot the bank burglar Charles Miller in Dick Darlino's saloon on Broadway a few years ago, and George Kraft, a Harlem builder, were arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court this morning for fighting on Thirty-first street, between Sixth avenue and Broadway, at 11 o'clock last night. A few minutes before that hour they were quarrelling on the corner when Policeman Frank Sahulka, who holds the amateur middle-weight championship of New York, appeared and ordered them to "go to." They walked a short distance only when the policeman saw Kraft, who is a big dark-haired, dark-mustached fellow, punch Tracey and knock him into the gutter. Sahulka ran towards them expecting Tracey to shoot, as the latter jumped to his feet reaching for his hip pocket. Taking no notice of the policeman's order, Kraft, who was on the side of his head, knocking him down again, and grabbed the hip pocket, only to find it loaded with a handkerchief. Luckily for Mr. Kraft, perhaps, William was out without his gun last night. Kraft did not like the idea of the policeman's interference and started to "do the copper up," but Sahulka put him to sleep with a right-hand behind the ear. Then he marched both men around to the West Thirtieth street station. News of the arrest spread quickly, and Tracey's friends rallied to bail him and Kraft out. "Jack" McCormick, whose notorious dive at 538 Sixth avenue was recently pulled, was the first to present himself for the honor. "Well, you have got a gall," declared Capt. Neilly. "Now, you clear out. Your bail won't be taken for you." McCormick left in tears, he felt so bad at not being able to help his friend Billy. The other two men were held for \$10,000 each, and will be held for \$10,000 each. It is believed that the firm's affairs are in a state of confusion, and that the principal losses will be the banks who have loaned money to the firm. It is not believed that any one of them will be seriously affected. So far as we can ascertain the amount of the firm's paper which is out here will be about \$1,000,000, and it is not believed that any one of them will be seriously affected.

INQUIRY ENDED.

Last Testimony on the Central Strike Taken To-Day.

Discharged Knights and Railway Officials on the Stand.

The Case Will Next Be Laid Before the Legislature.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) ALBANY, Sept. 5.—When the State Board of Arbitration resumed its inquiry this morning in the Senate Chamber, into the causes which led to the Central-Hudson River Railroad strike, only Commissioner Percival was present. There was quite a crowd of Knights of Labor in attendance. Roger A. Pryor appeared for the strikers and Hamilton Harris for the Railroad Company. Mr. Wright, of the General Executive Board of the K. of L., was in frequent consultation with Mr. Pryor during the investigation. The first witness called was Supt. Charles E. Bissell. He testified that all discharges were at the order of Vice-President Webb. Witness understood that Mr. Lefevre had been suspended for lack of attention to his work. He did not know that any employee was discharged because of his connection with the Knights of Labor, but admitted that he was aware that Lefevre was an active knight. The first witness called was Supt. Charles E. Bissell. He testified that all discharges were at the order of Vice-President Webb. Witness understood that Mr. Lefevre had been suspended for lack of attention to his work. He did not know that any employee was discharged because of his connection with the Knights of Labor, but admitted that he was aware that Lefevre was an active knight.

THE SOFT COAL NUISANCE.

Will It Be Permitted to Obtain a Grasp on Father Knickerbocker?

Knights of Labor Assemblies, gave similar testimony.

Master Mechanic and Superintendent of Motive Power Buchanan testified that the men he had discharged were negligent of their duties.

This closed the taking of testimony.

Mr. Bissell is expected to-day to join his associates, Messrs. Devin and Wright of the General Executive Board, now in this city.

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FOREIGN NEWS OF THE DAY.

20,000 Homeless Through Salonica's Great Fire.

(SPECIAL CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The latest cable advice from Salonica is to the effect that the fire that broke out on Wednesday night has at last been subdued, but that 3,000 houses and shops were destroyed, and that 20,000 people are now without shelter.

An Anti-Boulangier Writer Brutally Assaulted and Severely Hurt.

(SPECIAL CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.)

PARIS, Sept. 5.—M. Mermeil, who has acknowledged that he was the author of the articles published in the Figaro, containing alleged revelations concerning Gen. Boulanger, was brutally assaulted by a party of Boulangists while dining at the Cafe Riche last night.

He was taken to the hospital, and is now in a serious condition.

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REYNOLDS IS EX-DETECTIVE.

His Deal with Gambler Wetcourt Has Ended in Breaking Him.

Thomas Reynolds, of the Mercer street squad, has been reduced to the ranks and assigned to duty in the Manhattanville Precinct as patrolman. On the heels of this, Reynolds is said to have been discharged from the force.

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TOO YOUNG FOR ACROBATS.

Three Boys Taken Off Mr. Jacobs' Stage by the Children's Society.

Marion Jacobs, manager of Jacob's Third Avenue Theatre, and Robert Nelson, manager of Nelson's World Combination, were in the Yorkville Court today to answer for allowing James Bird, George Frie, and Arthur Nelson, whom Supt. Jenkins says are under sixteen, to give acrobatic performances.

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